

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

RUMENAPF ET AL.

APPLICATION NO:

FILED: Herewith

FOR: PRODUCTION OF PROTEINS BY AUTOPROTEOLYTIC
CLEAVAGE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, kindly enter the following preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the specification are on page 2.

Amendments to the claims being on page 3.

It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer Readable Form and in paper copy (9 pages) which were submitted to the Office by Reply dated September 18, 2002 in the parent application be transferred to the present application. The undersigned states that the paper copy and computer readable form are the same.

Remarks

Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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